

Obituary

Dennis Wayne Rentz, 68, of Paola, passed away on June 28, at Colonial Oaks Living Spring Hill surrounded by his family.

Dennis was born to Arnold and Leona (Lohaus) Rentz on March 18, 1958. He was baptized into the Lutheran faith on April 13, 1958, and confirmed his faith on April 23, 1972.

During his youth, Dennis mowed yards and worked at the Fina station in Paola. He graduated from Paola High School in 1976, then attended Pittsburg State University vo-tech earning an associate's degree in HVAC. In 1980, Dennis joined the Pipefitters #533, proudly following in his father's footsteps. Dennis worked as a pipefitter for 37 years before retiring in 2017.

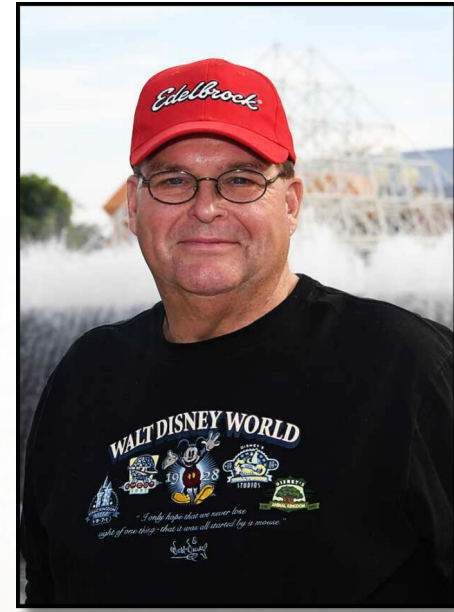
Dennis had one daughter, Brook, from his first marriage. He then married his "charming bride," Kimberly Donner, on April 4, 1992, with whom he shared 34 years of life. Dennis was deeply committed to building a good life for his wife and daughter, and he never hesitated to mow yards, plow driveways, or show up to "lift and tote" for his family, friends, and neighbors.

Dennis had a wide variety of hobbies including old Ford pickups, trains, tractors, and NHRA racing. If it was mechanical, he was interested in it. He loved to drink coffee with his McDonald's coffee group and travel with his wife to Branson, Disney, and old Route 66. Dennis traveled nearly the entire length of Route 66, missing only the state of Illinois.

Throughout his life, Dennis was active in various organizations. He was a member of the Maimi County CB Club with the handle of "Kansas Roadhog", a Leader for his daughter's Girl Scout troop, and the President of the Classic Cruisers Car Club. Dennis was a lifelong member of First Lutheran Church in Paola, serving as an usher alongside his father and his daughter.

Dennis is survived by his wife, Kimberly Rentz; his daughter, Brook Rentz (Kevin Collins) of Bonner Springs, KS; his sister Connie (Paul) Brand of Shawnee, KS; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Dennis was preceded in death by his parents, Arnold and Leona Rentz, and his sister, Jane Chronister.



In Memory Of

Dennis Wayne Rentz

March 18, 1958 ~ June 28, 2026



Services In Care Of





Miss Me-But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the
road and the sun has set for
me, I want no rites in a gloom
filled room. Why cry for a soul
set free. Miss me a little-but not
too long. And not with your
head bowed low. Remember the
love that we once shared.
Miss me-but let me go. For this
is a journey that we all must
take and each must go alone. It's
all a part of the Master's plan,
a step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick of
heart, go to the friends we have
known and bury your sorrows
in doing good deeds.
Miss me-but let me go.

Funeral Services

10:00 AM, Thursday, July 02, 2026

Dengel & Son Mortuary

Paola, Kansas

Officiating

Rob Roberts

Music Selections

Linda Oberheide

Abide with Me ~ What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Callbearers

Rick Chronister ~ Paul Brand ~ Kevin Collins
Matt Bysfield ~ Tim McIntire ~ Mason McIntire

Honorary Callbearers

Ernest Michaels ~ MaryAnn Michaels
John Rich ~ Bob Rich

Interment

Paola Cemetery

Paola, Kansas